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SUBJECT: NEPALESE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY
SECRETARY

1. SUMMARY: DURING FAREWELL CALL BY NEPALESE AMBASSADOR
KHANAL, DEPUTY SECRETARY ASKED FOR NEPAL'S HELP IN URGING
MODERATION ON NON-ALIGNED COLLEAGUES. KHANAL NOTED NEPAL'S
OWN RESTRAINT AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY DEPSEC'S FEELINGS TO
GON. KHANAL SAID NEPAL REMAINED CONCERNED ABOUT SIKKIM BUT
REALIZED IT COULD NOT UNDO SITUATION. INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS
HAD PASSED LOW POINT ALTHOUGH GOI STILL EXERTING ECONOMIC
PRESSURE ON NEPAL. END SUMMARY.

2. NEPALESE AMBASSADOR YADU NATH KHANAL, ACCOMPANIED BY
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FIRST SECRETARY RIMAL, PAID FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY

SECRETARY MAY 13. KUX AND LORTON SAT IN.

3. DEPSEC AGREED WITH KHANAL'S ASSESSMENT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN NEPAL AND U.S. DEPSEC SAID U.S. WOULD MAINTAIN STRONG INTEREST AND CONTINUE BE ACTIVE IN NEPAL'S PART OF WORLD.

4. NOTING NEPAL'S MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED AND CLOSE U.S.-NEPAL RELATIONSHIP, DEPSEC SAID U.S. HOPED NEPAL WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE TO TRY TO TEMPER SOME OF MORE RADICAL ANTI-

AMERICAN STATEMENTS MADE BY NON-ALIGNED. HE SAID U.S. WANTED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD AND DESIRED REACH SOME ACCOMMODATION OR UNDERSTANDING. KHANAL REPLIED RESTRAINED STATEMENTS WERE DELIBERATE NEPALESE POLICY EVEN THOUGH ASSESSMENT OF WORLD MIGHT BE DIFFERENT AT TIMES FROM OURS, AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY DEPSEC'S FEELINGS TO GON. NEPAL, HE SAID, TRIED TO SET EXAMPLE BY ITS STATEMENTS BUT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE ON THIRD WORLD DELIBERATIONS. DEPSEC AGREED NEPAL'S OWN POLICIES HAD BEEN RESTRAINED, BUT HOPED AGAIN NEPAL WOULD USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH OTHERS.

5. KHANAL THOUGHT INDO-NEPAL RELATIONS HAD PASSED LOW POINT, THAT GON HAD TRIED TO KEEP QUIET OVER LATEST EVENTS IN SIKKIM AFTER HAVING PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED NEPALESE FEELINGS. NEPAL COULD NOT UNDO SITUATION BUT HOPED INDIA WOULD UNDERSTAND NEPALESE NERVOUSNESS IN SPITE OF INDIAN ASSURANCES THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN SIKKIM WOULD NOT HAPPEN IN NEPAL (BECAUSE BASIC TREATY RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA IS DIFFERENT). IN RESPONSE TO DEPSEC'S QUERY, KHANAL SAID HE THOUGHT INDIA WAS DEMONSTRATING ANNOYANCE AT NEPAL BY EXERTING ECONOMIC PRESSURE AND NOT OBSERVING SOME PROVISIONS OF TRADE AND TRANSIT TREATY.

6. IN CLOSING, KHANAL ASKED ABOUT STATE OF INDO-U.S. AND SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. DEPSEC SAID RELATIONS WITH PEKING WERE CONTINUING ALONG ON COURSE AND OBSERVED PRESIDENT FORD STILL PLANNING VISIT CHINA LATER THIS YEAR. DEPSEC NOTED RECENT INDIAN RECRIMINATIONS AGAINST

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U.S., BUT SAID WE HOPED GOI WILL RECOGNIZE REMOVAL OF ARMS EMBARGO WAS JUSTIFIED AND THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO PRECIPITATE ARMS RACE IN SOUTH ASIA. OUR RESPONSE TO EXPECTED REQUESTS FOR ARMS FROM PAKISTAN (NONE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR) WILL BE RESTRAINED. INDIA IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE DOMINANT FORCE IN SOUTH ASIA AND HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM US. KISSINGER

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